

Remarks

Amendments are proposed to the drawings to avoid the duplicate use of certain designation numbers and corresponding amendments to the specification to avoid confusion and aid the reader. Certain inadvertent misspellings are also corrected. Examiner is requested to review and approve the drawing amendments. No new matter is added.

Claims 1 through 23 are in prosecution and are rejected as being obvious under Nishio (US 6,381,651) in view of Hashimoto (US 5,931,905).

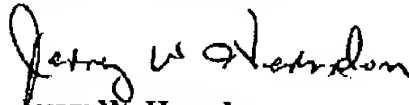
The claims are amended to overcome the rejections. An important aspect of the invention is the use of a simple first protocol from a server to trigger a mobile device that an e-mail is present, followed by a request using a more powerful second protocol from the device to the server to request the transmission of the e-mail from the server to the device using the second protocol. The reason for using such a technique to update an e-mail database centers on the limited resources available to a mobile device such as a PDA. These limitations and the reasons this technique is useful are described fully in the specification.

The independent claims are now amended to incorporate this subject matter into the claims. The known art does not teach or suggest such a technique. For example, the cited art merely transmits e-mail messages from servers to devices, without any mention of how this would be done. Presumably, therefore, it must be assumed that known methods are used, such as directly transmitting an e-mail to a client using a single protocol. The claimed invention, however, to overcome certain limitations, uses different protocol techniques to first alert the client with a first protocol of the presence of an e-mail, and get the client to request, using a second protocol, a transmission of the e-mail to the device using the second protocol.

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Applicant believes that patentable novelty is demonstrated by the above arguments and amendments and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Examiner is requested to reconsider this case and pass it to issue.

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